

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting

Monday, Sept. 14, 2015

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Bill Krause, Kathleen Lock, Bob Wood and Amy Parker. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the Sept. 14, 2015 meeting agenda

Motion: *A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the August 10, 2015, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried unanimously, 5 – 0.***

4. Approval of the Aug. 10, 2015 Town meeting minutes

Motion: *A motion was made by Amy Parker to approve the Aug. 10, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried 4-0.***

5. Reading of Correspondence

The Town received correspondence regarding Food Truck Rules in town. This may be discussed at a future meeting. Delaware House member Larry Mitchell also sent a letter informing the Town about a new firearms Bill.

6. Open Council Position

Mayor Harry Ward welcomed Bob Wood to the Council to hold the seat vacated by Glenn Stieffenhofer. Mr. Wood will serve as Secretary. Please refer to reorganization meeting minutes dated August 10, 2015 for additional information.

7. Reports

a) Treasurer

*Harry Ward presented the August, 2015, Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Mayor Ward referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting. **Motion:** Kathleen Lock made a motion to approve the August 2015 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bill Krause seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.***

b) Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator

Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. There was a lot of activity this month with 15 hours spent on Building enforcement and 20 hours on Floodplain matters.

Motion: *Kathleen Lock made a motion to approve the August Building Enforcement Officer/Floodplain Administrator's report. Bill Krause seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0***

c) Tax Collector Report

Motion: *Bill Krause made a motion to approve the August tax collector report. Kathleen Lock seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.***

d) Town Street Committee report

- i. *Mr. Dalton reported that he is still in the process of soliciting bids on repaving Passwaters Drive. It has so far been very difficult to find any vendor to show interest in the job.*
- ii. *Amazon Fabricating Company has reinstalled the railings at the pavilion.*
- iii. *Jimmy also suggested that we look into adjusting the speed limit to 25MPH in the whole town.*

e) Mayoral and Council Updates

There was a check issued to the Fire Company and to the Ladies Auxiliary for the Town's annual donation. The fire boats will be parked at site 2 on Slaughter Beach Road.

8. **Old Business**

a) **Grants**

✓ **Elevation Grant**

Kathy Lock reported that Applications for 2 houses were submitted for properties at 315 Bay Avenue and 418 Bay Avenue.

✓ **USDA Grant**

Kathy Lock reported that award of the USDA Search grant will be delayed. The Town will be first in line for fiscal year 2016 funding, but the funding level is uncertain until an appropriations bill is passed by Congress and signed by the President.

✓ **2015 Parks and Recreation Grant**

*A grant application was submitted to the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation for a grant for the design of a boardwalk and observation deck on the Marvel Salt Preserve tract. This project will be partially funding by DNREC's Division of Fish and Wildlife as part of the Delaware Bayshore Initiative. **Motion:** Kathy Lock made a motion that the Town actively participate in the Delaware Bayshore Initiative. Amy Parker seconded the motion. **The Motion passed unanimously 5-0.***

✓ **Town Park 2014 Grant**

Harry Ward reported that he has been in touch with the contractor several times this month, who agreed to make repairs to the tennis court and basketball court surfaces, but still no progress. We may have to resort to strong measures if the process doesn't start soon.

✓ **Sussex County Shared Safety Grant**

Amy Parker noted that the funds for the 2016 public safety grant have been committed and we can't apply for a new grant until the cameras are installed. A discussion ensued as to how best to spend fiscal year 2016 funds. We have had the cameras installed and will use any additional moneys on Police patrols. We will use next year's grant for Police patrols and will try to get a schedule out once it has been established.

b) Memorandum of Understanding with Sussex County (Flood Plain)

Last month, Amy Parker reported that Bob Clendaniel is working out a few outstanding issues and the MOU can be presented to Council and executed in the near future. This process is very close to completion at this point.

c) Delaware Nature Society

Last month, Kathleen Lock reported that the lease was ready for signature, had been reviewed by our attorney, and was approved by Council.

d) CAV Update – November/December Visit to SB

Bill Krause that there are fewer outstanding items that require resolution and we expect the CAV report will be closed out with FEMA in the near future.

e) Rental Properties

The local realtor/resident who had agreed to address the Council has decided not to participate. A discussion ensued about the possibility of registering rental properties for safety reasons. There was also discussion about how to notify citizens if there is a warning issued about the beach water quality.

7. **New Business:**

- a) *A grant for water quality improvement from DNREC is being offered for a minimum of \$25,000 and a max of 75,000 with 75% being paid by DNREC. An outreach meeting will be held on September 24th. Kathy Lock will attend and make a report at the next meeting.*
- b) *There will be a listing of committee makeup at the next meeting.*

8. **Upcoming Events**

- ✓ *Town Council Regular Meeting, next meeting Oct. 12th @ 7 PM*

9. **Adjournment**

Motion: *Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Bill Krause seconded it. **The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wood
Secretary